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Scare of heart attack deaths

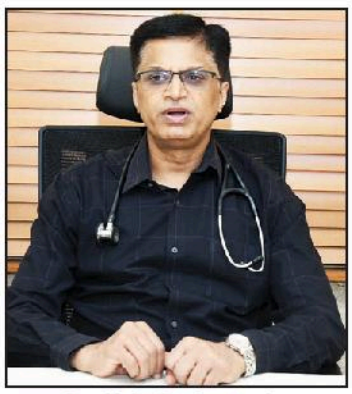
Panic-stricken people flood Jayadeva OPD

Daily Out Patient Department numbers jump from 600 to 1,400

Mysuru, July 9 (RK&BCT)- A spate of heart attack-related deaths in Hassan — many involving young individuals — has sparked widespread panic, prompting the State Government to set up an expert panel to investigate the sudden surge.

Fuelled further by viral posts on social media, the wave of anxiety has led to an overwhelming rush at the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research on KRS Road in Mysuru, especially among youth and middle-aged men and women seeking precautionary health check-ups. The Hospital has been witnessing unmanageable crowds. Yesterday, chaos erupted in the Outpatient Department (OPD) as patients refused to stand in line, demanding immediate attention.

An orderly queue system at Jayadeva Hospital in city this morning after yesterday's chaos.



Dr. K.S. Sadananda, Medical Superintendent, Jayadeva Hospital, Mysuru.

The situation spiralled out of control when a few individuals stormed the registration counters, damaging computers and furniture. Hospital authorities were forced to call in the Police to restore order. This morning, with Police deployed on the premises, the Hospital managed to reintroduce a regulated queue system, bringing the situation under control.

Dr. K.S. Sadananda, Medical Superintendent of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Mysuru, told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the Hospital typically handles around 500 to 600 outpatients daily. However, over the past few days, that number has surged to between 1,000 and 1,400 per day.

"People are arriving as early as 6 am, even though OPD registration counters open only at 8 am. It's a mad rush every day. We are completely overburdened, and our staff are under immense stress due to the influx of panic-stricken patients," he said.

"The queue system collapses as many demand immediate attention. Yesterday, the situation turned unruly — computers and furniture were damaged, and we were forced to call the Police to control the crowd," he added.

(See JAYADEVA on page 6)

Hyder Ali Road widening project gains momentum

2.5-metre median with plants, footpaths and streetlights planned

Mysuru, July 9 (PM&BCT)- The road widening project on Hyder Ali Road in Nazarbad is progressing rapidly. The existing 10-metre-wide stretch is being expanded to 30 metres as part of a comprehensive redevelopment initiative.

The project, taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 4 crore, includes the construction of a central median, footpaths on both sides, stormwater drains and the installation of streetlights.

To make way for the project, 40 trees were felled in April along the 360-metre stretch between Kalikamba Temple and the SP Office Circle. The move sparked sharp criticism from environmentalists, who condemned the mass tree cutting and accused the authorities of failing to implement compensatory greening measures.

(See ROAD on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 9th July 2025

City Gynaecologist honoured

New Delhi, July 9- In a prestigious celebration of excellence in Indian healthcare, Dr. Jyothi Umesh of Dr. Jyothi's Fertility & IVF Centre, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, Mysuru, was conferred the title "Inspiring Gynaecologist (IVF) of India" at the 8th Edition of the Times Now Doctor's Day Conclave held in Delhi on June 28. This honour recognises her exemplary contributions to the field of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and her profound impact on countless families across the country.

Dr. Jyothi Umesh, a distinguished Gynaecologist and IVF Specialist with deep experience in treating infertility and women's health conditions, was felicitated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science and Technology, Government of India, in appreciation of her pioneering work in IVF, her ethical and compassionate approach to patient care and her leadership in advancing women's reproductive health.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SKEWED RESPONSES TO CRIME IN KOLKATA: ***The TMC government has promised "exemplary punishment" to the culprits, but its own functionaries have made objectionable and misogynistic remarks in connection with the incident. Two leaders of the party sought to blame the victim, reflecting the usual patriarchal justification for crimes against women. Their responses only bring disrepute to a party which claims to have the largest number of women members among all parties in India and runs a government headed by a woman.***

Crimes against women are not just individual crimes, but also systemic ones. The fact that women are being targeted in public spaces traditionally considered 'safe' — educational institutions and hospitals — is proof of that. Last year's incident in Kolkata and the Abhaya rape occurred in public spaces. Though there are strict laws against rape and other crimes against women, some of which invite the death penalty, criminals are not deterred. The crimes are also sought to be politicised. The recurring crimes in Kolkata have blotted the fair name of the city, which once prided itself on being the safest in India for women. One party which blames another for crimes against women finds itself in the dock in another State. Politics played around crimes against women only makes the law and order failure worse. When women are unsafe in public spaces, the government cannot escape responsibility.

— In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Casket left in parking lot of a corner store

Memphis: Police were called to a convenience store in Tennessee on Monday after someone reported seeing a casket in the parking lot.

According to people in the neighbourhood, the casket was found outside the Speedy Corner store in Memphis, where it sat for several hours.

Pictures of the lone casket were shared all over Facebook, with someone even getting inside for a social media moment.

Police responded to the scene but didn't take a report. The casket was removed several hours later.

Virus-obsessed man raises kids in isolation

Lauriano: Italian police recently discovered two siblings, ages 6 and 9, raised on an isolated farm in Piedmont by their virus-obsessed father.

During the flood that affected the Italian province of Piedmont in April, local carabinieri visited an isolated farm in the foothills of Lauriano, a small comune near Turin.

They were there to issue a temporary eviction notice for the safety of the residents, but what they found shocked them – a 9-year-old boy and a 6-year-old girl in diapers, both unable to speak, read, or write, who didn't show up in any local registers.

Their Dutch parents, a metal sculptor and a stay-at-home mom, claimed that they were home-schooled and otherwise had everything they needed, from food to toys and books, but the children were 'ghosts' who didn't show up in any Italian records and seemed completely cut off from the outside world.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Did You Know?

A woman is born with all the eggs she'll ever have — around 1 to 2 million! But by puberty, only about 300,000 remain.

By Dr. Nivedita Shetty - Chief of Reproductive Medicine
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Annual Church Feast from July 17 to 20

Mysuru, July 9- Sacred Heart Church, Yadavagiri, Mysuru, will be celebrating its Annual Church Feast - 2025 from July 17 to 20. The schedule is as follows:

July 17 (Thursday): Flag Hoisting and Holy Mass at 5.30 pm by Rev. Fr. Mariraj.

July 18 (Friday): Holy Mass at 5.30 pm by Rev. Fr. Thomas Barose.

July 19 (Saturday): Holy Mass at 5.30 pm by Rev. Fr. Maria Xavier.

July 20 (Sunday): Festal Mass at 5.30 pm by Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Arch Bishop Emeritus and Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Mysore.

Concelebrated Holy Mass at 5.30 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Car Procession.

Rev. Fr. A. Rohan, Parish Priest, Sisters of Nirmala Convent Parish Council and The Parishioners have invited one and all to share the joy of the Annual Feast.

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REALLY...?

- ***Flying squirrels don't technically fly, but some can glide the length of a soccer field.***
- ***Squirrels communicate using complex systems of high-frequency chirps and tail movements. They use sound to intimidate rivals in their territory, to alert neighbours to predators in the area, to scold a predator so it will be inclined to leave, to initiate mating, and, in the case of offspring, to ask for food.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *What will happen if we have the third world war?*

Student: *Our history books will become thicker Sir!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 85.86**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 116.61**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 23.37**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 100.53**

VOICE OF THE READER

Avoid interlocking at Railway DRM Office

Sir,

I write to express my dismay over a development at the premises of the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), South Western Railway, Mysuru Division.

During my visit yesterday, I witnessed the ground surrounding the iconic heritage building being cleaned and prepared for the laying of concrete interlocking tiles, spanning an estimated 300 metres in length and 8 metres in width. While this may appear to enhance surface aesthetics or ease maintenance, it undermines critical environmental principles.

Open-to-sky ground surfaces play a vital role in allowing rainwater to percolate and recharge the groundwater table — an issue of increasing concern across urban India. Both Government policies and environmental organisations consistently advocate for minimising the concretisation of open spaces, especially around heritage and civic structures.

It is deeply troubling that such a decision has been implemented within the grounds of a reputed public institution like the Railways, which is expected to uphold sustainability and responsibility.

I urge the Railway authorities to reconsider this action and halt the tiling work. Preserving permeable ground not only supports water conservation but also honours the character of the heritage building and its ecological context.

— **B.V. Raghavachar**
Mysuru
8.7.2025

Dasara Air Show to have novel attractions this year?

Mysuru DC writes to State Chief Secretary; Union Defence Ministry to be apprised of dispatching war planes

Mysuru, July 9 (RK&BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led Dasara High Power Committee that recently announced to celebrate Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara (from Sept. 22 to Oct. 2) on a grand scale has spurred preparations to make the annual festival more attractive.

Air Show, one of the major attractions of Dasara, may have novel attractions this year, with the District Administration launching a preliminary exercise in this regard. Dasara Air Show is held every year, with the metal birds including acrobatic performing troops, presenting hair-raising stunts at Bannimantap Torchlight Parade Grounds.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the Dasara Special Officer, has written to State Chief Secretary (CS) Shalini Rajneesh, to facilitate fighter planes and jets from Union Defence Ministry in New Delhi, which form an integral part of Air Show. In response, Shalini Rajneesh is also learnt to have stepped up efforts

Reddy Shalini

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to moot the proposal with the Defence Ministry. Following the response from the Ministry, she is expected to apprise the District Administration with finer details to set the tone for preparations.

Confirming the development with regard to hosting Dasara Air Show, DC Reddy told *Star of Mysore:* "Besides writing a letter with a proposal to host Air Show to CS, I have also spoken over phone with the latter. Preparations will be launched only after receiving confirmation from CS."

On the other hand, according to sources, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who is scheduled to leave for Delhi today, has sought an appointment with Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. CM Siddaramaiah is expected to discuss about Air Show with Singh.

In another major initiative, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has planned to take up civic works related to Dasara well in advance. About 50 to 60 civic works, majorly concerning the Police and other Departments have been listed to be taken up, for the convenience of tourists and visitors during Nada Habba, said DC Lakshmikanth Reddy.

Following the in-principle approval, the MCC is expected to take up the works, with the State Government committed towards sanctioning Dasara grants, without compromising on the tradition followed down the years.

CogniSENSE+ 2025

2-day Global Interdisciplinary Conference at JSS AHER

Mysuru, July 9- Mysuru is set to host CogniSENSE+ 2025, a global interdisciplinary conference that aims to promote cognitive health, hearing access and purposeful longevity among aging and diverse populations.

The event is organised by the School of Public Health at JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) on July 10 and 11, in collaboration with JSS Medical College, bringing together experts across geriatrics, speech and hearing sciences, psychiatry, public health, psychology and ENT.

Over 250 participants from across the country will attend this two-day conference, which features: 5 international experts from University of Georgia, Ohio University, Oklahoma State University and Birmingham University; 17 national experts from premier institutions including NIMHANS, JSS AHER, AIISH and others.

The inaugural ceremony will be held tomorrow from 10.30 am to 11.15 am, in the presence of Dr. Radha Murthy, President, Dementia India Alliance, Dr. Deepti Navaratna, TV Raman Pai Chair Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) and Dr. P. Rajani, Deputy Director, Mental Health, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka. The scientific agenda includes keynote talks, research presentations, panel discussions and solution showcases focused on: Dementia care innovations; Hearing rehabilitation; Cognitive neuroscience and assistive technologies; Mental well-being and social inclusion; Community-driven approaches to healthy aging.

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CM's KRS Dam plaque plan draws flak from ex-Srirangapatna MLA

Why not traditional Cauvery Aarti at Bathing Ghat in Srirangapatna?

Mandya, July 9- Barely three days after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah performed 'bagina' ceremony at KRS Dam in Srirangapatna on June 30 and directed authorities to install a commemorative plaque marking the reservoir's historic filling to the brim in June itself — the first such occurrence in over eight decades — former Srirangapatna MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah has raised serious questions about the propriety of CM's directive.

Addressing a press conference, Srikantaiah revealed that while water was released from KRS Dam in May for farmers' benefit, authorities abruptly stopped canal releases after monsoon onset under the pretext of canal modernisation.

He maintained that had the authorities released appropriate quantities of water to canals as required for agricultural needs, the Dam would not have filled by June. He alleged that officials deliberately retained maximum water storage levels solely to earn compliments from the State Government, while completely neglecting the irrigation requirements of farmers across the Cauvery basin.

Srikantaiah specifically questioned Agriculture Minister Cheluvarayaswamy's silence, despite being the Mandya District in-charge Minister, regarding the authorities' failure to release canal water when farmers desperately needed it.

Siddaramaiah R. Srikantaiah

Highlighting the irony that farmers are facing severe problems even in the Agriculture Minister's home district, Srikantaiah asserted that paddy yields in Mandya district have plummeted by approximately 30 percent due to the combined negligence of elected representatives and authorities in ensuring timely canal water supply.

He condemned as shameful the State Government's failure to establish paddy procurement centres, accusing the Government of betraying farmers who are already suffering from both price drops and reduced yields.

Pointing to the Centre's announced Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs. 2,300 per quintal for paddy, Srikantaiah alleged that the Government has completely failed farmers, who are being forced to sell their produce at just Rs. 1,800 - 1,900 per quintal, significantly below MSP.

Cauvery Aarti

Regarding the controversial Cauvery Aarti to be held at KRS Dam, the former MLA clarified that while he doesn't oppose the ritual itself, he strongly objects to two aspects: the enormous expenditure of Rs. 92 crore for the event and potential safety concerns for the Dam structure.

He questioned the wisdom of selecting a location so close to the Dam for the Aarti, arguing that the traditional Cauvery River Bathing Ghat (Snana Ghatta) near Srirangapatna would have been far more appropriate.

He reasoned that conducting the ritual at the Bathing Ghat would not only be considerably less expensive but would also eliminate any risks to the Dam's safety. He reminded that during his tenure as MLA, he had initiated renovation of the Bathing Ghat's steps for Rs. 8 crore specifically to benefit the public, making it a ready-made venue for such ceremonies.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Applications invited

Sakhi Foundation and Surya Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has invited applications from interested candidates for admission to various courses under its 'Sakhi Swavalambi' Scheme. The courses include Montessori Teachers Training, Nursery Teachers Training, Pre-primary School Teachers Training, Computer Teachers Training, Computer Literacy etc., SSLC passed candidates in the age group of 18 to 55 years are eligible to apply. Last date to apply is July 20. [Mob: 83103-06882 or 99647-90442]

Registration drive for 'Yuva Nidhi'

In order to publicise the State Government's ambitious 'Yuva Nidhi' Guarantee Scheme, under which unemployed Graduate/Post-graduate youths will be provided Rs. 3,000 per month and unemployed Diploma holders Rs. 1,500 per month as financial assistance, the Department of Industrial Training and Employment has launched a month-long 'Yuva Nidhi' registration drive for registration of unemployed eligible youths. The month-long special registration drive, which was launched on July 7, is being held at the office of the Assistant Director, District Employment Exchange Office, No. 323, 10th Main, Sanmarga, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru. The drive will continue till Aug. 7. [Ph: 0821-2489972]

Obituary

M.B. Mahendrakumar

Mysuru, July 9- M.B. Mahendrakumar (81), a resident of Banumaiah Road 4th Cross, Mysuru, passed away following a massive heart attack yesterday in city.

His wife had passed away on the same day last year and his eldest daughter had predeceased him ten months back.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Lakshmamma

Lakshmamma (76), wife of late Ugraiah and a resident of Vinayakanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind four sons, two daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Gokulam Burial Grounds this noon.

Pothole-riddled roads trigger safety concerns

Pothole in front of the Kalamandira staff quarters on Mysuru-Hunsur Road. Pic. right: *Pothole on Valmiki Road branching towards Hunsur Road.*

Mysuru, July 9 (BS)- Two major roads in Mysuru have become dangerously pothole-ridden, drawing the ire of motorists who are forced to navigate them in fear for their safety.

One of the worst-hit stretches is the Mysuru-KRS Road, particularly at the junction where Contour Road merges with it. Several months ago, UGD pipeline works were taken up in the area.

However, after the digging, the trench near a drain was closed hastily without proper asphalting. The unpatched surface has now transformed into a long, treacherous pothole due to continuous vehicle movement. A similar situation prevails near Doctor's Corner in Gokulam.

The Mysuru-KRS Road is a high-traffic route, frequented not only by local vehicles but also by a large number of tourist vehicles, especially on weekends. The road also connects to crucial medical institutions such as PKTB Sanatorium, Trauma Care Centre, ESI Hospital, Sri Jayadeva and District Hospital, making it a vital stretch for ambulance movement. However, with gaping potholes posing a serious hazard, two-wheeler riders are forced to ride cautiously, often fearing accidents.

The pothole at the intersection of Contour Road and KRS Road.

Another hazardous pothole is located in front of the Kalamandira staff quarters on Hunsur Road, on the stretch connecting Valmiki Road to Kalamandira. Even a moment's lapse in attention could lead to injuries or fatal accidents, especially for two-wheeler riders, as heavy motor vehicles often follow closely behind.

The newly constructed Valmiki Road leading to Hunsur Road is also riddled with potholes. Compounding the problem is an overflowing manhole, which causes water to pool at the intersection, creating a virtual deluge and forcing motorists to slow down or risk skidding and accidents.

Despite these dangerous conditions on key city roads, MCC officials have allegedly turned a blind eye. Frustrated residents claim that the authorities wake up only after a tragedy occurs — a pattern they say repeats itself all too often.

Ex-JOC employees demand fixed pension

Mysuru, July 9 (RK&DM)- Seeking a fixed pension, ex-lecturers and employees of the now scrapped JOC (Job Oriented Courses) colleges coming Dept. of the then PUE and Vocational Courses Department, have urged the Govt. to consider their pre-regularisation employment period while deciding their pension.

More than 100 members of the Association of ex-JOC lecturers employees merged with other Government Departments, led by Association President K.S. Somashekar, met former MLA M.K. Somashekar at the latter's residence here on Monday and presented a memorandum seeking to address their pension issues.

Stating that the services of about 3,150 employees of erstwhile JOC colleges were merged with other Govt. Departments in 2011, K.S. Somashekar said that, however, the Government had not considered years (which runs up to 15 to 20 years) of their pre-regularisation of service while deciding pension.

Upon receiving the memorandum from the Association Members, the former MLA assured that he would arrange for a meeting with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during his visit to the city which is scheduled on July 18 and 19.

Artistes demand revival of Ch'nagar Dasara

Chamarajanagar, July 9 (BS)- The Federation of District Artistes staged a protest rally in Chamarajanagar, urging the Government to continue the tradition of celebrating Chamarajanagar Dasara this year as well. The annual festival, known for its cultural grandeur, has been observed uninterrupted for the past 13 years.

On Monday, folk artistes, Federation members and leaders of various organisations assembled in front of Sri Chamarajeshwara Swamy Temple before marching in a rally to Bhuvaneshwari Circle, where they formed a human chain. The protest route passed through B. Rachaiah Double Road and culminated at the District Administration Bhavan.

The protesters raised slogans against the State Government, demanding a reversal of the decision to cancel this year's Dasara celebrations. They pointed out that Chamarajanagar, which has a rich tradition of folk art and is home to thousands of artistes, deserves to have the festival conducted with due honour.

They recalled that it was Chief Minister Siddaramaiah who, during his first tenure in 2013, had initiated the Chamarajanagar Dasara. Ironically, it is now under his second term that the event is being called off, causing disappointment among artistes and locals alike.

District Minister K. Venkatesh, who arrived at the protest site, accepted a memorandum from the demonstrators and assured them that he would take up the matter with the CM. Following this assurance, the protest was withdrawn.

Artistes Somashekar Bisalwadi, Narasimha Murthy, Kale Nataraj, Shivashankar, Jayakumar, Siddu, Chitra Biligiri, Venkataramana Swamy, Shivanna, Ramanna, Honnamma, Chinnamma, Tulasamma, Praveen, Ghatam Krishna, Gururaju and several others took part in the protest.

Cauvery Aarti at KRS Dam is a misplaced priority

By K.V. Chandramouli,
Deputy Director of Boilers (Retd.)

The Karnataka Government plans to organise a Cauvery Aarti at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam, a ritual modelled after the Ganga Aarti, by the time Dasara-2025 arrives. For this initiative, Rs. 92.30 crore has been allocated, and facilities are being developed to accommodate approximately 10,000 attendees.

Chandramouli

In addition, it is considering the construction of an Amusement Park, which poses potential risks to the Dam. The allocated funds are designated for creating infrastructure to support large public gatherings, including a stadium, parking areas and various other amenities.

The State Government claims that the event is intended to:

- Raise awareness about the importance of Cauvery River and the need for water conservation.
- Provide a platform to celebrate the cultural and religious significance of Cauvery River, revered as a Goddess in various parts of South India.

However, the proposed Cauvery Aarti faces opposition from numerous individuals and organisations due to its religious implications and expense.

These groups argue that the established practice of offering 'Bagina' when KRS Dam reaches full capacity, alongside Theerthodbhava rituals conducted at Talacauvery in Kodagu district, sufficiently expresses devotion to the River.

Critics perceive the Aarti event as indicative of Congress Government's increasingly accommodating stance towards Hindutva politics.

Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar has strongly supported the Cauvery Aarti, with plans to establish a permanent ritual along the riverbanks, similar to the Ganga Aarti tradition in Uttar Pradesh. During a visit to KRS Dam, he highlighted Brindavan Gardens as a suitable site for the ritual and directed officials to proceed with its execution. A group of legislators from Mandya, Mysuru and Kodagu, accompanied by officials, travelled to Varanasi and Haridwar to observe the Ganga Aarti.

They studied the ceremony's rituals and later provided a comprehensive report on how to replicate the event along the Cauvery River. Furthermore, the Congress Government held a symbolic Cauvery Aarti during last year's Dasara celebrations in Srirangapatna.

The Cauvery Aarti has faced backlash for intertwining religion with politics. A thorough analysis of this initiative reveals that the disadvantages, such as waste generation and carbon emissions, significantly surpass any potential benefits.

Cauvery Aarti being performed at the bathing ghat during Srirangapatna Dasara-2024.

More sensible options

Rejuvenating Cauvery River through tree planting, enhanced water management and regulating carbon footprint is a more effective and sustainable method than merely hosting Cauvery Aarti event. Although the Aarti holds cultural and spiritual importance, prioritising practical measures to restore the river's flow and well-being will produce a significant and enduring positive effect on both the environment and communities that rely on it. Given the Government's decision to proceed with Cauvery Aarti without thoroughly evaluating its wider consequences, it would be prudent to abandon this initiative. Instead, Government should redirect its efforts towards implementing strategies to restore and revitalise Cauvery.

The event is expected to attract a large crowd. With attendance estimates ranging from 20,000 to 25,000 individuals and around 4,000 to 5,000 vehicles, the event may result in considerable waste production, which could threaten local water bodies and the environment.

The influx of vehicles, particularly those that run on fossil fuels, can lead to atmospheric pollution, releasing a mix of harmful substances, including carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particulate matter (PM) and carbon dioxide (CO_2).

The convergence of both vehicles and people at this event will inevitably leave a substantial carbon footprint. India has committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2070 at the COP26 Summit in Glasgow in 2021. Cauvery River is essential for farmers' livelihoods and the daily routines of millions in Bengaluru. It provides vital irrigation water that sustains regional agriculture and is also a key source of drinking water.

Therefore, the Government should prioritise efforts to rejuvenate Cauvery River — an indispensable lifeline for millions in South India — rather than spending on Aarti. The Government should prioritise investing in the following initiatives aimed at addressing the challenges to restore the river's ecological health and ensure its sustainable future, rather than directing taxpayer funds toward the Aarti.

Focus on afforestation

The total length of the Cauvery River from the origin to its outfall into the sea is 800 kms of which 320 kms is in Karnataka, 416 kms in Tamil Nadu and 64 kms in Kerala and Puducherry.

The inflow of water in Karnataka relies significantly on the Southwest Monsoon, which delivers substantial rainfall to the Western Ghats and serves as a major water source for Cauvery basin. The level of rainfall in the Basin's catchment areas, including Kodagu and Chikkamagalur, directly affects the volume of water that enters the river and its reservoirs. While the connection between rainfall intensity and forest cover is not strictly linear, forests are essential in influencing local rainfall patterns and water cycles.

Forests release water vapour into atmosphere through evapotranspiration, which can contribute to local rainfall. Studies have shown that forests in Western Ghats, which form part of Cauvery basin's catchment area, can contribute significantly to rainfall in the region and even in water-deficient areas like TN.

Forests can recycle moisture locally, meaning water that evaporates from the forest can be returned as rain in the same area, contributing to a more consistent rainfall pattern. Forests can influence cloud formation by releasing aerosols and influencing temperature and humidity. Deforestation can disrupt these processes, potentially leading to reduced rainfall and increased rainfall variability.

Studies have shown that deforestation can reduce rainfall in tropical rainforests, known to generate rain. Cauvery basin is experiencing changes in land use, including deforestation, which can affect the intensity and distribution of rainfall.

As a result, the connection between forests and rainfall is complex and influenced by several factors; however, the forests in the catchment areas of Cauvery basin do impact rainfall intensity.

To increase water inflow, the primary strategy should involve boosting rainfall and effectively managing water resources. This can be accomplished through afforestation and rainwater harvesting, which not only enhance rainfall but also reduce soil erosion, improve water infiltration and groundwater recharge.

Motivating judicious water use

As the Cauvery basin brims over, Bengaluru can breathe. The city requires around 2,632 million litres of fresh water daily (MLD). Now, Bengaluru gets 1,450 MLD from Cauvery River, with plans to increase this supply by an additional 775 MLD on completion of Cauvery V Stage.

Groundwater sources provide an estimated 1,372 MLD, but the extraction rate is unsustainable due to lower natural replenishment rate. To tackle water-related challenges in Bengaluru and secure a sustainable water supply, careful management of Cauvery water is essential.

Therefore, the Government should:

- Encourage residents to adopt water-saving habits in their daily lives, such as fixing leaks, using water-efficient appliances and practising water-conserving gardening techniques.
- Conduct regular water audits for both households and businesses to pinpoint areas of high water use.
- Introduce pricing incentives to reward careful usage and impose penalties for excessive consumption.
- Launch campaigns to inform citizens about significance of water conservation and the repercussions of waste.
- Enhance efficiency of water distribution networks to ensure fair and timely access to water throughout the city.
- Support initiatives aimed at recharging groundwater through rainwater harvesting and other techniques to enhance the city's water supply.
- Increase use of treated wastewater for non-potable applications — gardening, landscaping, industrial cooling.
- Establish regulations for borewell usage and encourage transition to Cauvery water connections in regions with declining groundwater levels.

Encourage farmers to adopt efficient water management techniques

The agricultural sector, which represents a significant share of water usage, continues to largely depend on flood irrigation — an approach noted for its inefficiency. In Karnataka, 1 tmcft (Thousand Million Cubic Feet) of Cauvery water can irrigate around 10,000 to 12,000 acres, whereas in TN, the same amount irrigates about 40,000 to 50,000 acres.

These figures may fluctuate due to various factors such as crop type, soil conditions and irrigation techniques. To enhance irrigation systems and promote sustainable food production, effective water management is crucial. By adopting efficient water management strategies, we can optimise water use, minimise waste and improve crop yields.

'We need more Kalams'

Says *Padma Shri* Dr. Prahlada Rama Rao, Architect of Akash Missile Systems

Akash, the surface-to-air missile used in Operation Sindoor, is a true epitome of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Dr. Prahlada Rama Rao, the Architect of Akash Missile Systems, was in Mysuru recently as the guest of honour at Mysuru Literature Festival-2025.

***Padma Shri* Dr. Rao recounted a journey that began with uncertainty but ended with one of India's proudest defence achievements in an exclusive conversation with Sujata Rajpal, on behalf of *Star of Mysore*.**

Dr. Rao, who is currently writing a book on his experience of working on this landmark project, said: "Dr. Kalam chose the name Akash from ten team proposals, aptly symbolising the sky and capturing the project's vision and mission."

By Sujata Rajpal

Star of Mysore (SOM): Please take our readers through the journey of Akash.

Dr. Prahlada Rama Rao: The journey of Akash Missile Systems began in 1984 when I was hand-picked by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, then the Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Policy Affairs, to lead the project as its Director. The objective was to indigenously develop a surface-to-air missile system for India. Until then, India had been importing such equipment from Europe and Russia. At the time, I was only 34 and was apprehensive.

It was a massive responsibility involving huge money, high stakes, immense technical challenges and innumerable gaps. However, once the project was set in motion, I threw myself into the work, drawing on my solid foundation in rockets and missiles.

I had completed my Master's from IISc. Bangalore in aeronautical engineering with a specialisation in rockets and missiles, and was comfortable working across interdisciplinary domains. Before Akash, I had around ten years of experience, particularly in rockets and radar systems, and had already worked closely with Dr. Kalam for a year. The project spanned nearly 15 years — 10 years in development and another 5 in testing.

SOM: How strong was the Akash team?

Dr. Rama Rao: We were a team of 50, a thousand scientists from across the country and 200 industries working on this arduous journey. Despite the vast collaboration, the buck stopped with me. Dr. Kalam was my greatest support, mentoring, guiding and advising me throughout.

Many thought it was impossible to build a missile system capable of intercepting multiple incoming threats. That level of coordination and precision had never been attempted in India. But I was confident, it had to work. The stakes were incredibly high. Once the missile is on the launcher and the command is given, it is out of our hands — it either launches successfully or crashes; even the minutest of errors would set us back to the drawing board. Every glitch forced us to investigate deeply, to understand exactly what went wrong.

SOM: How did you feel when you learnt that Akash was used during Operation Sindoor?

Dr. Rama Rao: The Government had deployed the launchers across various strategic locations, but the timing of their use was unknown to us. I first learnt about it through the news on television when India had launched Operation Sindoor. I was completely frozen.

Even now, talking about it, I am getting goosebumps. I thought of Dr. Kalam. We had worked together on Akash for 15 long years; if he were alive to see this moment, he would have been proud. It wasn't just a missile launch; it was the culmination of a vision we had nurtured through years of relentless effort. It was the happiest moment of my life. To see something you've built from scratch, through decades of uncertainty, finally serving the nation.

SOM: What lessons did you learn from working with Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam?

Dr. Rama Rao: Dr. Kalam had an extraordinary ability to recognise people's strengths and assign responsibilities accordingly. He believed in recognising talent publicly, which motivated people to give their best. Despite all his achievements, he remained incredibly humble.

He wouldn't hesitate to approach anyone, whether junior or senior, to ask for help or seek an opinion. He was a true team player. He knew how to unite people behind a shared vision. And perhaps the most powerful lesson he taught was to never lose sight of your vision. We need more Kalams in our country.

SOM: What is your advice to young scientists and aspiring innovators?

Dr. Rama Rao: Young scientists must build a strong foundation in Science. Believe in yourself even when others don't. Always keep the bigger picture in mind. You are not just doing a job; you are solving a real-world problem, often one that impacts the nation so challenges are inevitable. Don't let minor setbacks discourage you. Learn to work with all kinds of people — professional jealousies, ego clashes and power struggles are part of any project. Don't let them distract you. Shed your ego, stay grounded and stay focused on the mission.

SOM: How about your family support?

Dr. Rama Rao: Nothing big has been achieved without family support. My wife and daughter have suffered the most *(he laughs)*. In this entire journey, I have taken only one day's leave for my daughter's wedding, and thankfully, I've only one daughter *(he laughs again)*. I have never attended any of the family functions or parent-teacher meetings, but these were the small prices to pay for the bigger mission, and my family understood it ▪

People flood Jayadeva OPD

Patients undergoing check-up at Jayadeva Hospital today.

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ICU too lacks space

"Cardiac arrests, which were common among people above 50 years, are now being reported among young people, below 30 years, mainly because of an unhealthy lifestyle. We usually take 270 to 300 patients daily for various treatments. As a result of the panic, all wards are full now and there is no space in the ICU. This has caused distress and the crowd is unmanageable," said Dr. Sadananda.

"Unfortunately, people are rushing directly to Jayadeva without first consulting nearby hospitals or clinics," he said.

"We are here to serve, but people must understand that crowding Jayadeva won't cure their ailments. The first step is making lifestyle changes. Visit Jayadeva Hospital only if your condition is serious and a local doctor recommends urgent cardiac intervention. Do not come here simply based on social media posts or newspaper reports," the doctor appealed.

It's not just Jayadeva feeling the pressure — other hospitals in Mysuru city, including Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital, Manipal Hospital, Narayana Hrudayalaya, JSS Hospital, Apollo BGS Hospitals, the District Hospital and Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital are also reporting a significant spike in patient numbers.

Lifestyle changes mandatory

Doctors have identified diabetes, hypertension, obesity, stress, alcohol consumption and pollution as major contributors to heart attacks. Additionally, a sedentary lifestyle, poor dietary habits and neglect of regular medical check-ups are key factors leading to heart attacks.

What is particularly concerning, Dr. Sadananda noted, is that many patients screened at the hospital exhibited no conventional risk factors. He emphasised the need for the Food Safety Department to investigate the presence of pesticide residues in fruits and vegetables and the possible adulteration of food with plastic substances.

"Lifestyle changes, regular exercise, avoiding junk food, and a focus on organic, natural foods are essential for maintaining a healthy heart," Dr. Sadananda added.

Road widening project

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On June 26, as work resumed, environmental activists staged a protest at the project site, alleging that authorities had not taken any concrete steps to replant or nurture new saplings.

The protest was later withdrawn following assurances from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials that 400 saplings — 100 along Hyder Ali Road and 300 in other parts of the city — would be planted and nurtured.

MLA grants under SFC

With the protests called off, MCC formally resumed the widening work. The project is being implemented under the Local Area Development Grant of Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait, through the State Finance Commission (SFC).

The project involves widening the 360-metre stretch to a total width of 30 metres, in line with the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). A 2.5-metre-wide median will be constructed, with footpaths and stormwater drains on either side.

According to MCC officials, the redevelopment also includes the planting of saplings along all three segments — the median and both flanks of the road — as well as the installation of streetlights along the median.

On Monday, Sait inspected the ongoing work and held discussions with MCC engineers to review project's implementation.

MCC has paid the Forest Department to plant and maintain 400 saplings, compensating for the 40 trees lost during the development. The Forest Department plans to plant as many saplings as possible along the median, with the remaining to be accommodated in other designated locations.

Nationwide strike call

Trade Unions take out rally in city

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The perils of being a 'Committee Chairman'

It all started with a phone call. A distinguished voice on the other end said, "We are putting together a high-powered committee and we want you to chair it."

Chairman. The word had a certain ring to it. A title that exuded authority, wisdom and — let us be honest — just the right amount of self-importance. I imagined leading intellectual debates, steering important decisions and basking in the collective brilliance of my esteemed colleagues. I said yes.

That was my first mistake.

The grand illusion of support

No sooner had I accepted the role than I realised I was on my own. No secretarial support, no assistants, not even an intern to take notes. The committee, I was told, had "all the resources I needed," which, as it turned out, meant a list of members and an expectation that I figure everything else out.

E-mails had to be drafted, meetings scheduled and reports compiled — all by yours truly. When I pointed out that I could use some help, the response was unanimous: "Of course! Just let us know what we can do." A lovely sentiment that translated to exactly nothing.

The art of giving advice without doing anything

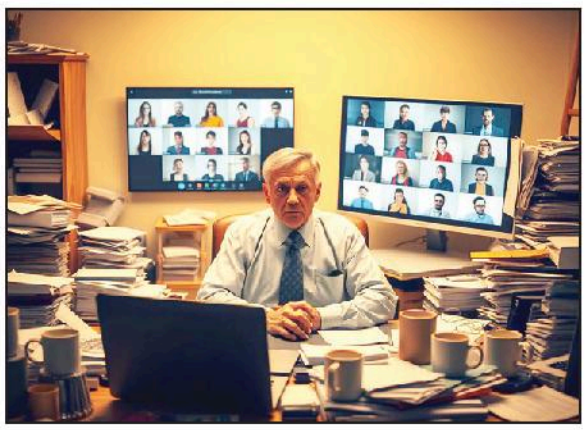
If there is one thing a committee excels at, it is giving advice. I quickly learned that every member was an expert — not in execution, but in strategy.

• "What you should really do is simplify the report."

• "The data section needs to be more detailed."

• "Why don't we rethink the entire structure?"

This, of course, was coming from people who had not read the draft in the first place. The only thing more



certain than their opinions was their complete lack of involvement in implementing any of them.

The vanishing act

Scheduling meetings was an Olympic sport. Doodle polls were ignored. Calendar invites went unanswered. If, by some miracle, a meeting did take place, attendance was optional — except for me, the ever-hopeful chairman, staring at an empty Zoom screen.

But here is the twist: The same people who never showed up for discussions were the first to take credit when the final report started taking shape. Suddenly, they had been "deeply involved in the process," "instrumental in shaping the recommendations," and "key voices in the deliberations." It was as if their very absence had been a strategic contribution.

The last-minute epiphany

After months of solitary effort, the final report was ready. I sent it out for sign-off, expecting quick approvals. Instead, I received an avalanche of "suggestions."

• "I think I had suggested a different approach in one of the meetings." (She never attended a meeting.)

• "We should reconsider the wording in Section 3." (This was the exact wording he had approved six months ago.)

• "Can we add a new recommendation?" (We are submitting this tomorrow.)

By this stage, I had developed a new skill: the ability to nod thoughtfully while mentally calculating how much caffeine it would take to get me through the next round of revisions.

The dream of a free-loader's life

As I sat exhausted, staring at the final document, I had an epiphany. The most powerful position on a committee is not the chairman. It is the free-loading member. The one who shows up just enough to be remembered but not enough to be burdened with responsibilities. The one who nods sagely in meetings, makes sweeping statements about "big-picture thinking," and then disappears before the real work begins.

One day, I tell myself, I will be that person. I will bask in the glow of someone else's toil, offer grand insights with no intention of implementation and take credit for work I barely remember discussing.

But then, just as I make this resolution, another call comes.

"We are forming a prestigious new committee. And we would really like you to chair it."

And the seduction of the word "Chairman" pulls me back in.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Muslim Co-operative Bank reduces interest rates on various loans by 2 percent

Mysuru, July 9 (KS)- The main aim of The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mysuru, is to provide better facilities and serve shareholders and customers of the century-old Bank which was established in 1916, said Bank President K. C. Showkath Pasha.

Addressing a press meet at the Bank recently, Showkath Pasha said that a few days ago Statutory Audit for 2024-2025 was successfully concluded by Chartered Accountant Mayuresh and Co.

He said, as there was a continuous demand from the shareholders and customers of the Bank to reduce the rate of interest on loans sanctioned by the Bank, the Management of the Bank unanimously resolved to reduce 2 percent interest bringing down the interest rate to 12 percent from 14 percent for some types of loans and from 13.50 percent to 11.50 percent on house purchase and construction loans, reduction from 12 percent to 10 percent on gold and ornaments loans.

The Bank President said that after the reduction of 2 percent interest rate, the Bank has to incur a loss of Rs. 90 lakh annually which will be compensated by increasing the business and inviting new shareholders and customers to offer more loans. Besides, internet banking facilities will be introduced soon after obtaining permission from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and other agencies, he added.

Pointing out that the tenure of the loans is also increased from 10 years to 15 years so that the loanees

can pay their monthly instalments easily, he said that the loan limit was also increased from Rs. 30 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh to help shareholders.

Showkath Pasha requested loan defaulters to clear their loans on time failing which the Bank would initiate action for recoveries of loan as per RBI guidelines.

Speaking on the occasion, former President and Director of the Bank Dr. Abdul Ravoof said that to compensate the loss incurred due to reduction of 2 percent rate of interest on loan with effect from July 1, business should be increased by offering more loans to shareholders and customers with new facilities.

Another senior Director Ahmed Saleem Ahmed said that after The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank Ltd., The Muslim Co-operative Bank Ltd. is the second Bank which is offering very less rate of interest to the Bank shareholders and customers.

Bank Vice-President Gulam Rabbani, Directors Md Abdus Salam, Md Akram Shan, Iftekhar Ahmed Khan, Irfana Azmi, In-charge CEO Shaik Ibrahim and Senior Manager Syed Abdul Irfan were present.

CRACKDOWN
on sub-standard helmets

Mysuru, July 9 (BLU&VNS)- In a bid to prevent fatalities during accident, the Government of India has launched nation-wide crackdown against the cheap plastic cap and sub-standard helmets being sold on roadside. Similarly, the City Police are also all set to launch a crackdown against sale of sub-standard helmets.

The Central Government has mandated the use of helmet for two-wheeler riders as per The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. However, the use of sub-standard helmets has prompted the Government to enforce the Quality Control Order that mandates ISI certified helmets under IS 4151:2015 standards approved by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

Despite strict laws, the sub-standard helmets being manufactured by some companies are being sold by the vendors across the city and nation. These helmets do not protect the riders and majority of them, despite knowing about risk, purchase them to save money.

On most of the occasion, riders have succumbed for using sub-standard helmets or just the plastic caps which are used by industrial workers. While BIS approved ISI marked helmets costs between Rs. 800 and Rs. 1,000 each, the sub-standard helmets are being sold for a much cheaper price prompting most of the riders to purchase them ignoring the risks involved.

The Central Govt., which has launched a crackdown, has already seized many factories which manufactured sub-standard helmets, mostly in New Delhi.

While the Police are dealing with the use of sub-standard helmets, they are also launching drives to check on helmetless riders. According to the Police, majority of the riders do not use helmet as they claim it would spoil their hairstyle. Meanwhile, others use some plastic caps just to prevent themselves from being penalised by the Traffic Police. There is a need for the people to understand risk involved by not using the standard helmet which acts as a life safer in times of accidents.

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) also introduced BIS Care App along with is official portal ***https://www.bis.gov.in*** to strengthen public participation which enables consumers to verify helmet manufacturers and lodge complaints.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj said, "As per the rules, it is mandatory to use ISI marked helmets. However, a few, just to save some money, have been using sub-standard helmets which are unsafe. We will collect information about sub-standard helmets being sold on roadside before launching a crackdown on the vendor."

20,000 teachers to be
appointed soon: Minister

Belagavi, July 9- Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa said that 20,000 teachers will be appointed to schools and PU colleges after the completion of the ongoing inner reservation survey.

He was speaking after inaugurating new classrooms at the Government PU College at Bailhongal in Belagavi yesterday.

Stating that 57 lakh school children of 46,000 schools are being provided eggs and banana as part of Mid-Day Meal scheme, he said that this is being done to ensure nutrition among children.

Noting that the State Govt. is conducting free NEET, CET, JEE coaching classes for poor students, the Minister claimed that such an initiative is the first one in the country. Measures will be taken to extend this facility to cover all students, he added.

Pointing out that electricity is being supplied for free to Government schools, the Minister outlined the measures taken by the State Government to ensure quality education and training to poor students. He lauded the Government PU College at Bailhongal as a model one.

KSEAB recommends changes to
SSLC exam pattern to align with CBSE

Bengaluru, July 9 (Agencies)- The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has submitted a proposal to the State Government recommending changes to the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examination, including aligning it more closely with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) model.

KSEAB is said to have recommend for reducing the minimum pass marks from the current 35 to 33, in line with CBSE and Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) standards. The Board has also proposed a reduction in the total marks for the first language paper, bringing it down from 125 to 100.

The move comes in the wake of a noticeable dip in SSLC results this year, which prompted the Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka to submit a petition to the Department of School Education and Literacy. One of their primary demands was to adopt CBSE-like evaluation norms to ensure State Board students are not at a disadvantage.

KSEAB has submitted the proposal for implementation starting from the 2026 SSLC examination cycle. The State Government is yet to come out with its final decision.

New challenges of cybercrime

Three-day workshop begins at Karnataka Police Academy

Mysuru, July 9 (BCT)- A three-day workshop aimed at enhancing the cybercrime investigation skills of Police officers was inaugurated at the Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru, by Academy Director S.L. Chennabasavanna on Monday.

The initiative is expected to strengthen cybercrime response mechanisms and reinforce the commitment of the Police force to protect citizens in an increasingly digital world.

In his inaugural address, Chennabasavanna expressed concern over the alarming rise in cybercrime, which he said has become a significant challenge not only for law enforcement but also for society as a whole.

"Innocent citizens are increasingly falling victim to online fraud and exploitation, as cybercriminals adopt sophisticated technologies to commit their offences," he noted. He emphasised the need for Police personnel to remain alert, informed and well-equipped to tackle these evolving digital threats.

"It is essential for officers to master cybercrime investigation techniques and ensure timely justice to victims," he said.

Chennabasavanna also underlined the importance of a proactive approach, both in preventing cyber offences and conducting swift, effective investigations into reported cases.

The workshop, organised by the Karnataka Police Academy, is part of the State's broader initiative to strengthen the cyber capabilities of its Police force. The training brings together senior officers, cyber law experts and educators in digital forensics to equip officers with practical tools and knowledge to deal with the complex nature of cybercrimes.

Participants are being trained not only on post-incident investigation methods but also on early intervention and preventive strategies. Emphasis is being placed on the application of cyber laws, data tracking techniques and emerging trends in cyber fraud.

A total of 49 Police personnel from across Karnataka are attending the workshop, including two Deputy Superintendents of Police (Dy.SPs), nine Police Inspectors and 38 Sub-Inspectors.

Karnataka Police Academy Assistant Director and Workshop Coordinator M.H. Khan, along with other dignitaries, was present during the inaugural session.

WIMBLEDON

TODAY'S MATCHES (JULY 9)

MEN'S SINGLES - QUARTER-FINALS

1 Jannik Sinner **Vs** 10 Ben Shelton	6.40 pm
22 Flavio Cobolli **Vs** 6 Novak Djokovic	7.10 pm

WOMEN'S SINGLES - QUARTER-FINALS

8 Iga Świątek **Vs** 19 Liudmila Samsonova	5.30 pm
7 Mirra Andreeva **Vs** Belinda Bencic	6.00 pm

MEN'S DOUBLES - QUARTER-FINALS

5 Lloyd Glasspool & Julian Cash **Vs** 2 Henry Patten & Harri Heliövaara	3.30 pm
6 Neal Skupski & Joe Salisbury **Vs** 4 Marcel Granollers & Horacio Zeballos	5.30 pm

WOMEN'S DOUBLES - QUARTER-FINALS

4 Jeļena Ostapenko & Hsieh Su-wei **Vs** Sorana Cîrstea & Anna Kalinskaya	4.40 pm
1 Kateřina Siniaková & Taylor Townsend **Vs** 10 Tímea Babos & Luisa Stefani	6.40 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (JULY 10)

WOMEN'S SINGLES - SEMI-FINALS

1 Aryna Sabalenka **Vs** 13 Amanda Anisimova	TBD

MEN'S DOUBLES - SEMI-FINALS

1 Marcelo Arévalo & Mate Pavić **Vs** David Pel & Rinky Hijikata	TBD

MIXED DOUBLES - FINALS

Sem Verbeek & Kateřina Siniaková **Vs** Luisa Stefani & Joe Salisbury	TBD

Catch live actions on **STAR SPORTS** and **JIOHOTSTAR**

WORD OF THE DAY

Desultory

Pronunciation: DEH-sul-tor-ee (adjective).
Meaning: Desultory is a formal word used to describe something that lacks a plan or purpose, or that occurs without regularity. It can also describe something unconnected to a main subject, or something that is disappointing in progress, performance, or quality.
Origin: The Latin adjective desultorius was used by the ancient Romans to describe a circus performer (called a desultor) whose trick was to leap from horse to horse without stopping. English speakers took the idea of the desultorius performer and coined the word desultory to describe that which figuratively "jumps" from one thing to another, without regularity, and showing no sign of a plan or purpose. (Both desultor and desultorius, by the way, come from the Latin verb salire, meaning "to leap.") A desultory conversation leaps from one topic to another, and a desultory comment is one that jumps away from the topic at hand. Meanwhile a desultory performance is one resulting from an implied lack of steady, focused effort.
Example: "One other guy was in the waiting room when I walked in. As we sat there past the scheduled time of our appointments, we struck up a desultory conversation. Like me, he'd been in the hiring process for years, had driven down from Albuquerque the night before, and seemed nervous. He asked if I'd done any research on the polygraph. I said no, and asked him the same question. He said no. We were getting our first lies out of the way." —Justin St. Germain, "The Memoirist and the Lie Detector," New England Review, 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Decastich

Ten-line poem.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Doozy

Meaning: The phrase 'Doozy' is used to indicate that something is an extraordinary example of its kind; very good, bad, severe, big, etc.
Origin: While there are a few theories about the origin of the term 'Doozy,' which is also spelled 'Doozie,' most etymologists agree that the word is a play on the name of a common flower, the daisy. The word 'daisy' was once English slang for something that was of particular excellence, and many examples can be seen in print. One of the best is from Thomas Chandler Haliburton's 1836 The Clockmaker: "I raised a four year old colt once, half blood, a perfect picture of a horse, and a genuine clipper, could gallop like the wind; a real daisy, a perfect doll, had an eye like a weasel, and nostrils like Commodore Rodgers's speakin' trumpet."
Example: "That car crash was a doozy."

QUOTE BOX

You can never see a plant grow, but they do. **—Carol Plum-Ucci**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

TICKLED

Answer: Tickled pink.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Sampras of tennis
5 23rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet
8 Periods of history
12 Other abroad
13 Horizontal Situation Indicator
14 Church part
15 Heavenly body
16 Over the counter, acronym
17 Single entity
18 Attila was one
19 David Gilmour or Slash?
21 Secret agent ?
23 Run a tab
24 Signalling by flags
28 Corpulent
31 One of a pair
32 One as a prefix
33 Snide remark
34 So far
35 Betrayal
37 Air Data Tester
38 A positive vote
39 Miss the morning alarm
44 Digit of the foot
47 Puts or lets down in water
48 Bother
49 Exclamation of fright
50 Returned sound
51 Vane dir.
52 __ __ even keel : cruising serenely? (2,2)
53 Mr. Connery, Hollywood star?
54 Ground Earth Station
55 Unsightly

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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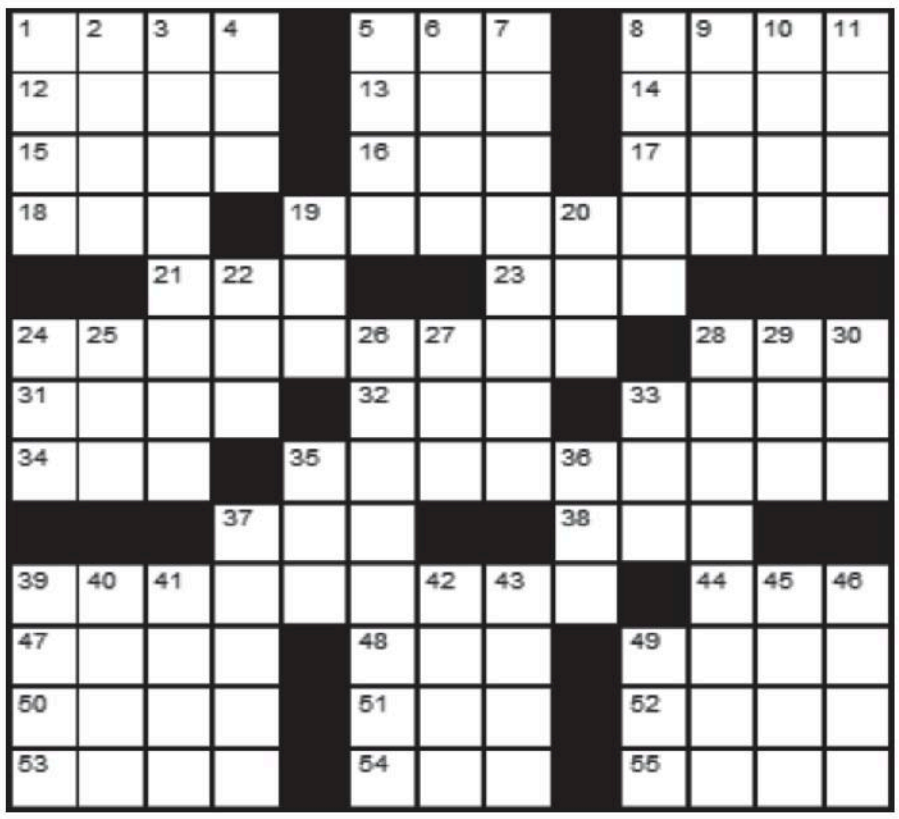
DOWN

1 Smart and stylish
2 You too in Latin (2,2)
3 Convey
4 Music is sometimes played by this
5 You in old English
6 A sparkling white wine
7 Australian state
8 Habituate, get used to
9 Ms. Mukherjee of Bollywood
10 Rara ___ : the mythical rare bird?
11 Cobblestone - "test" anagram
19 Cheat
20 Reverential fear
22 Vessel for frying
24 Pig's dwelling
25 Female sheep - "wee" change
26 Moving very rapidly
27 __ -sided: partial or unfair
28 Short-lived
29 Bollywood's Raja __ Rank
30 Attempt or essay
33 Draw back or recoil
35 Tax deducted at source, in short
36 Headgear
37 Criminal fire-raising
39 Lyrical poems or songs
40 Wickedness
41 Hebrew measure - "pa he" anagram?
42 Sea bird
43 ___ out : makes last longer ?
45 Aussie gem
46 Counting-out starter
49 The solver



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	5	6	1	9	4	8	2	7
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2	8	1	9	4	3	6	7	5
9	7	3	6	1	5	2	8	4
5	6	4	8	2	7	3	9	1
6	3	2	7	5	1	9	4	8
4	9	5	3	8	2	7	1	6
7	1	8	4	6	9	5	3	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VKHT KW GPEU M XMJ OUMO JBP XBPVF

WBO ST MGUMZTF OB GTVV JBPQ

IMQQBO OB OUT OBXW NBGGKI.

TODAY'S CLUE: P EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: In a full heart there is room for everything, and in an empty heart there is room for nothing.

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Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	(S-1)	11 am, 4.25 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Pendrive (K)	(S-1)	1.50 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 10.30 pm
Jungal Mangal (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Tapassi (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Rangi Taranga (K)	(S-2)	7 pm
Kapata Nataka Sutradhari (K)	(S-3)	11 am, 7.15 pm
Capital City (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Hebbuli Cut (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Thammudu (Te)	(S-4)	4.05 pm

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Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10.40 am, 1.40 pm, 4.15 pm, 6.45, 9.15 pm
Hebbuli Cut (K)	:	11.30 am
Jungle Mangal (K)	:	11.55 am
Capital City (K)	:	1 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	1.10 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	1.45 pm, 6.40 pm
Kannappa (K)	:	3.40 pm
Pendrive (K)	:	4.20 pm
Tapassi (K)	:	4.30 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	:	6.55 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	7 pm
Jangar (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

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Thammudu (Te)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 1.50 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.30, 10.20 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	:	10.05 am, 3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	10.10 am, 4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	10.50 am, 12.45 pm, 4 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	1 pm
Kapata Nataka Sutradhari (K)	:	1.30 pm
Hebbuli Cut (K)	:	3.35 pm
Tapassi (K)	:	4.10 pm
Rangi Taranga (K)	:	6 pm
Maa (H)	:	7.25 pm
Paranthu Po (Ta)	:	9.35 pm

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Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10 am, 1.15 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Thammudu (Te)	:	10.10 am, 3.55 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	10.15 am, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Pendrive (K)	:	11.20 am
Metro In Dino (H)	:	12.35 pm, 7.05 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	1.05 pm, 6.50 pm
Jungle Mangal (K)	:	1.55 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	4 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	:	4.15 pm, 10.20 pm

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Thammudu (Te)	:	9.50 am, 12.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.05 pm, 10 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	:	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	1 pm, 10.20 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	:	1.50 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Kuberaa (K)	:	3.30 pm
Kapata Nataka Sutradhari (K)	:	5 pm

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Thammudu (Te)	:	9.45 am, 3.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
3 BHK (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 4.05 pm
Pendrive (K)	:	11.30 am
F1: The Movie (E)	:	12.55 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Tapassi (K)	:	1.15 pm
Metro In Dino (H)	:	2.05 pm, 10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	3.50 pm, 7.05 pm
Jungle Mangal (K)	:	5.25 pm
Hebbuli Cut (K)	:	7.35 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Calling street play and folk music troupes

Mysuru, July 9- To promote various Government Schemes, the Department of Information and Public Relations has invited applications from street play and Folk Music troupes.

Last date to submit application is July 25. Applications should be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Director, Department of Information and Public Relations, Mysuru.

To facilitate the organisation of street plays / folk music programmes in the year 2025-26 through the subordinate offices at the district-level, three street play troupes and three folk music troupes will be selected from each district.

Each street play troupe must have eight artistes, of which two must be women and one must be SC/ST artiste.

Each folk music troupe must have three artistes, of which one must be a woman and one must be a SC/ST artiste.

A Committee, comprising district-level officers from the Kannada & Culture Department, Social Welfare Department, Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST) Welfare Department, Health & Family Welfare Department and Agriculture Department, has been formed to select the art troupes.

The selection process will be conducted simultaneously in 31 districts across the State on Aug. 12 at 11 am, according to a press release from Department of Information and Public Relations Assistant Director T.K. Harish.

Study camp on 'Kannada Literature'

Mysuru, July 9- Karnataka Sahitya Academy has invited applications for a three-day study camp on 'Kannada Literature' for journalists in the 3rd week or last week of August.

Interested candidates from across the State, who are already working in the newspaper or have obtained Journalism degree or anyone interested can apply. Last date to apply is July 25.

For details and prescribed applications, interested candidates may log on to the Academy website ***https://sahithyaacademy.karnataka.gov.in,*** according to a press release from N. Kariappa, Registrar, Karnataka Sahitya Academy.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 10)

- **Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram:** Sri Guru Purnima celebrations, Vedic Chanting, **5.15 am;** Mangalarati and Bhajans, **5.30 am;** Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana, **8.30 am;** Puja and Bhajans, **9 am;** Reading, **10.15 am;** Sri Guru Purnima Pravachana, **10.30 am;** Sri Ramakrishna Astottara Archana, **11.15 am;** Arati and Pushpanjali, **11.45 am;** Prasad Distribution, **12 noon;** Sandhyarati and Special Bhajans, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, Karnataka South, Mysuru District:** Vahini Mahotsavam - Bhagavad Gita Exhibition, Sri Sathya Sai Baba School, #74, Brindavan Hospital Road, Jayalakshmipuram, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **Krishik Survodaya Foundation (KSF), Mysuru Branch and KSF School of Business and Technology:** Inaugural function of B.Com and BCA courses, University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurates, KSF Mysore Branch President and former KSOU VC Dr. N.S. Ramegowda presides, CA-25, Krishik Bhavan, General Thimmaiah Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10.10 am.**
- **School of Public Health and JSS Medical College:** Inauguration of CogniSENSE+ 2025, a two-day global interdisciplinary conference, Dr. Radha Murthy, President, Dementia India Alliance, Dr. Deepti Navaratna, TV Raman Pai Chair Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) and Dr. P. Rajani, Deputy Director - Mental Health, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka, will be present, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), **10.30 am to 11.15 am.**
- **Santakavi Kanakadasa mattu Tatvapadakarara Adhyayana Kendra, Bengaluru and Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal (KSGH) Music and Performing Arts University, Mysuru:** Inauguration of two-day seminar on 'Tatvapada mattu Sangeetha Vaividya' by Music University VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, Santakavi Kanakadasa mattu Tatvapadakarara Adhyayana Kendra Chairman K.T. Chikkanna presides, Music University Registrar (in-Charge) K.S. Rekha chief guest, **10.30 am;** Tatvapada - Karnatak Music by Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Mysuru; 'Tatvapada mattu Kanaka Keerthanegalalli Sangeetha Sahacharya' by Hussain Sab, Bengaluru; Tatvapada - Gamaka by B.D. Shankaregowda, Hassan; Tatvapada - Nrityakale by Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Mysuru; Tatvapada Gayana by Puttamuttamma and troupe, Keregodu, Music University premises, **11 am onwards.**
- **Sri Shiradi Sai Sevashrama Trust:** Sai Guru Purnima programme, Baba Mandira, 859/S, 25/5th Cross, behind Channamma Bus Stop, near Sankranti Circle, 2nd Stage, Hebbal, **3 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendra, 7th Main Road, 5th Cross, Saraswathipuram:** Guru Purnima, special meditation programme, Dhyana Kendra, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-281, special lecture by Prabhuswamy C. Malimutt (A grade Akashvani artiste and retired Senior Announcer), vocal concert by Vid. Sampagodu S. Vighnaraja, accompanied by Vid. S. Janardhan on violin, Vid. Anirudh S. Bhat on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

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